

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An e-mail processing server for relaying an e-mail which is transmitted between mobile terminals and performing a lottery to award a prize to a user of the mobile terminal, comprising:

a receiver for receiving an e-mail from a first mobile terminal and a sender for sending the e-mail to a second mobile terminal;

a storage for storing send information of the e-mail, which is sent from the receiver or sender, the send information including the number of received e-mails and total amount of received data by said first and second mobile terminals;

a winning probability decider for deciding a winning probability of a drawing of lots applied to a user of the second mobile terminal according to the send information stored in the storage; and

a lot-drawer for executing a lot-drawing from the winning probability decided by the winning probability decider,

wherein if the winning probability results in the second mobile terminal winning a prize, a winning notification is attached to only one of the received emails sent from said first mobile terminal prior to being reviewed by said second mobile terminal.

2. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, further comprising:

a notice information sender for sending notice information, which informs an event that the e-mail is sent, to the second mobile terminal; and

a request-to-send information receiver for receiving request-to-send information, which is sent from the second mobile terminal, for requesting to send an e-mail that the notice information shows; wherein said sender sends the e-mail to the second mobile terminal in response to the request-to-send information received by the request-to-send information receiver.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, further comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring, from a database, storing location information showing a location on a network, where contents of a prize awarded to a user who won the lot-drawing are stored; and

a storing location information sender for attaching the storing location information acquired by the acquiring device to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously presented) The e-mail processing server according to claim 1, wherein the prize involves digital contents that are enabled to play with the mobile terminal, and further comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring, from a database, storing location information showing a location on a network, where the digital contents are stored; and

a storing location information sender for attaching the storing location information acquired by the acquiring device to an e-mail, which is to be sent to a mobile terminal of the user who won the lot-drawing, and then sending the e-mail to the mobile terminal.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system that monitors emails sent and received by mobile terminals for use in a lottery, comprising:

at least first and second mobile terminals; ~~and~~

a server which relays the emails sent from one of said first or second mobile terminals to the other, the server storing mobile terminal information which includes the number of emails

received by each of the at least first and second mobile terminals and also the total amount of data received by each of the at least first and second mobile terminals;; and

a winning probability decider for deciding a winning probability of a drawing of lots applied to a user of the first or second mobile terminal according to the mobile terminal information stored in the server;

wherein the server determines a winner of a prize ~~using at least part of the mobile terminal information~~based in part on the winning probability and attaches a winning notification when this determination is made to only one email corresponding to the winner.